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PREFACE.

CHRONOLOGICAL accuracy is indispensable to the profitable study of history. The multiplication of manuals of chronology may perhaps be accepted as an indication that this is beginning to be generally understood. And if so, it is certainly a sign of genuine progress in popular education. A similar conclusion might be drawn from a comparison of the manuals of the present day with those of even the last generation, in which few of the dates are correct, and pure legend is put on a level with history.

Facility of reference in extensive manuals in which events are arranged in order of time, can be attained only by means of alphabetical indexes. And manuals of an encyclopædic character must be arranged alphabetically. But in a book giving only dates which are required for every-day purposes, and by general readers, the chronological or the alphabetical arrangement can be employed according to circumstances, reference to

any particular date being rendered easy by the classification of names and events under titles which will serve as finger-posts to the inquirer. This plan has been pursued in the "Pocket Date Book."

In a work of so small a compass as this, it would have been obviously improper to accumulate authorities; and therefore, having looked over it both in the manuscript and since it has been printed, I feel it incumbent on me to state that the compiler has resorted to the most trustworthy sources, and has exercised most conscientious diligence and care in the selection and ordering of his materials.

B. B. WOODWARD.

ROYAL LIBRARY,
Windsor Castle,
15th June, 1863.

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Showing the time of their Commencement, and their Correspondence
with the year 1863.

	Epochs and Periods.	Commencement B.C. or A.D.	Cor. with 1863.
A. M. Const.	Year of the World (Constanti- nopolitan),	1 September, 5508	7371
A. M. Alex.	Year of the World (Alexan- drian),	29 August, 5502,	7365
A. M. Ant.	Year of the World (Antio- chian),	1 September, 5492	7355
Jul. Per.	The Julian Period,	1 January, 4713	6576
A. M.	Year of the World (Jewish),	Vernal Equinox, 3761	5623
Ær. Abr.	Era of Abraham,	1 October, 2015,	3878
Ol.	The Olympiads,	New Moon of Sum- mer Solstice, 776,	660.3
A. U. C.	The Roman Era,	24 April, 753,	2616
Ær. Nab.	Era of Nabonassar, The Metonic Cycle (Golden Number),	26 February, 747, 15 July, 432,	2611 2
Ær. Seleuc.	Era of the Seleucidæ, Grecian or Syro-Macedonian Era,	1 October, 312,	2175
Ær. Tyr.	Era of Tyre,	19 October, 125,	1988
Cæs. Ant.	Cæsarean Era of Antioch,	1 September, 48,	1911
A. Cæs.	The Spanish Era, or Era of the Cæsars,	1 January, 38,	1901
Ær. Act.	The Actian Era, The Pontifical Indiction,	1 January, 30, 25 December or 1 January, 3,	1893 6
A. D.	The vulgar Christian Era, (N.B. The following dates are A.D.) Era of the Destruction of Jerusalem,	1 January, 1, 1 September, 69,	1863 1794
Ær. Diocl.	Era of Dioclesian, or of the Martyrs,	17 September, 284,	1579
An. Arm.	Era of the Armenians,	7 July, 552,	1311
A. H.	Era of the Hegira,	16 July, 622,	1280
An. Pers.	Era of Yezdegird III., or Persian Era,	16 June, 632,	1232

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